



Richard Hoskins Eckfeldt

1939 - 2011

Richard Eckfeldt died July 8, 2011, after a protracted illness. A vigorous athlete most of his life, he had seemed to recover some strength recently, as pictured last month, above, but he succumbed Friday at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital.

Dick Eckfeldt was descended from New Englanders in the Boston area. As a child, he spent the summer at camp in Connecticut, and as a teenager he was a camp counselor in Maine. He was nominated for membership in the New England Society in the City of Brooklyn by Robert Belknap and Henry Putzell, and elected on September 30, 1991.

Born April 14, 1939, in Clayton, Missouri, he was raised primarily on the Main Line outside Philadelphia where his father worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He graduated from the Haverford School in 1957, and from Princeton University four years later, *cum laude*. He was proud of the varsity football and lacrosse teams on which he played at Princeton.

Dick also was in the college's Marine Corps R.O.T.C. program, and for three years after graduation he served in an air control squadron based in South Carolina and posted to the Far East. He became 1st Lieutenant and Senior Air Director of his unit. In 1964 he returned to civilian life and entered the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania where in 1966 he earned an M.B.A.

For most of his professional career Dick worked for Avon Products, Inc., developing overseas markets. He lived variously in Europe and the United States and traveled extensively in the Far East, India, South America and South Africa.

At Grace Episcopal Church in Brooklyn Heights, Dick was a member of the vestry, and, with Patrick Owen Burns, led the ushering teams. A tennis and squash player, he was an active member of the Heights Casino.

He is survived by Martha, his wife of forty years, and by his daughter Sarah. A memorial service will be held in the fall.



Joseph A. Henehan
1931 - 2007

Joseph A. Henehan died Tuesday, September 3, in Brooklyn following an illness caused by pancreatic cancer.

Joe Henehan joined the New England Society in the City of Brooklyn in September 1979, and served as a member of its board of directors, and as the Society's secretary, for many years in the 1980s and 1990s.

He conducted extensive research in the Society's archives, now held at the Brooklyn Historical Society, then known as the Long Island Historical Society. In 1984 this work was published in the Centennial Handbook of the New England Society in the City of Brooklyn. It included a "Grand Roster" of all members elected to membership in the Society since its founding, as well as comprehensive lists of officers and committee chairmen.

A native of Trenton, New Jersey, Joe attended public schools in New Jersey before entering the Class of 1952 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the Korean War immediately after graduation he served in the Army.

Until 1963 Joe lived in Eastern Massachusetts, first in Boston and later in Scituate. For most of his professional career he worked in New York City as an economist in general management at American Telephone and Telegraph. He interviewed applicants for admission to MIT, and, in addition to the New England Society, was a member of The Princeton Club.

Following retirement Joe traveled extensively, especially in Europe.

Joe is survived by his sister Mary Henehan Byrne, of Fort Lauderdale, and by William Lee Younger, of Brooklyn, his partner of many years.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, October 23, at Saint Thomas Church in New York City. The Rev. Robert Stafford, Pastor, officiated. The Very Rev. Harry E. Krauss, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John, Providence, Rhode Island, delivered the homily.

It was requested that in lieu of flowers contributions be sent to MIT, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139.